EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Scott A. Woodbury on 03/24/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the specification, under Brief Description of the drawings section, page 21, lines 1-3, the phrase "FIG. 4 is a diagram showing the characteristics of a WDM coupler and an optical modulator in the additionally installed configuration;" is now changed to -- FIGS. 4A to 4G are diagrams showing the characteristics of a conventional WDM coupler and an optical modulator in the additionally installed configuration; --.

IN THE DRAWING:

In the Prior Art Figure 4, the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G are labeled on the left side of the Prior Art Figure 4.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh Phan whose telephone number is (571)272-3035.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan, can be reached on (571)272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-4700.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2613

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